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Rep. Stephen Dargan, Co-Chairman
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HB 6415 AN ACT CONCERNING A PERMIT TO SELL AND TO CARRY ELECTRONIC DEFENSE WEAPONS

The Department of Public Safety advises of fiscal impact and comments on bill.

The proposal provides for application to local authority and a fingerprint based background check. The proposed bill specifically states that the applicant shall pay the fee for the national criminal history records check charged by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for performing such check, but is silent as to the fee normally charged by the Department of Public Safety. There will be a fiscal impact to the Department of Public Safety for performing these background checks.

The bill also provides a procedure for checking with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services as to whether that agency has any record that an applicant has been subject to an order of commitment. The committee should be aware that any information that is obtainable from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services will not include involuntary commitments from other states. The result of passage of this language would be that anyone who had been subject of involuntary commitment in the other 49 states could buy an electronic defense weapon in Connecticut.

Sincerely,

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